

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Christopher A. Tokarz, et al. Confirmation No. 2806  
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Customer No. : 24,239  
Title : Thermomechanical Processing Routes  
in Compact Strip Production of  
High-Strength Low-Alloy Steel

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Sir:

Applicant files this paper in response to the office action dated August 24, 2006. Entry of the response and reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks contained herein. A Petition for Extension of Time with fee payment and payment of excess claims fee are provided herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any extra amount owed or to credit any extra amount paid to deposit account no. **13-4365**.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.